

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 and 31-35 remain pending in the present application. Claim 30 has been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 31 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kayama (U.S. 2003/0095538) in view of Padovani (U.S. 2007/0066320). Claim 30 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 30 depended from Claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 30 and Claim 30 has been cancelled.

Thus, Applicants believe Claim 1, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 32 and 33, which depend from Claim 1, are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 2-31, 34 and 35 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As discussed above, Claim 30

has been added to Claim 1. Claims 2-29, 31, 34 and 35 ultimately depend from Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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